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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Dysart firefighters bring down the walls of The Great Haliburton Feed Company after fire gutted the building.

Industrial Park fire destroys Feed Company

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Things haven't been quite the same for Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney since their business burned to the ground just a week ago.

But within a day after fire destroyed The Great Haliburton Feed Company and

claimed the lives of nine cats, two rabbits and one rat, the couple knew that they had no choice but to regroup and start fresh.

Despite the loss of their beloved animals, the overwhelming support of the community has given them reason to forge ahead.

"It's been pretty unbelievable," said Maureen in an interview on Nov. 19.

"Anywhere we went, people would just

come up and hug us," she said while fighting back tears.

On Nov. 13 around 11 p.m., 18 firefighters responded to the fire that completely engulfed The Great Haliburton Feed Company at 175 Industrial Park Road, causing an estimated \$400,000 in damages. Firefighters battled the blaze for four hours, but couldn't salvage much.

Two donkeys were also on the property but were protected from the fire in a separate shed. They have been temporarily relocated to a nearby farm owned by the couple's friend, Dennis Debler.

The cause of the fire is currently unknown, according to Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan.

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Shannon Cole speaks to a customer after announcing she was going out of business.

Village Donuts closing its doors

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Due to a drop in revenue over the past few years, Shannon Cole has made the decision to permanently close Village Court Donuts & Cafe in Haliburton.

Located at 49 Maple Avenue, the cafe's last day of business will be on Nov. 22.

"It's just between the sales and having to pay any kind of rent period, it's not feasible," said Cole, who wanted to clear up rumours about the closure being the result of her rental agreement.

"I know a lot of people believe it's solely the rent that's making things an issue. That's not the case. The landlord's actually been really good to deal with."

Cole partly attributes the loss in revenue to the Haliburton Tim Hortons, which came to town a year ago.

"Every cup of coffee that the Tim Hortons is selling is basically one that I'm not," she said, estimating that her revenue loss over the past few years has ranged between 20 and 30 per cent.

A less than ideal summer season also was a contributing factor, said Cole.

Over the years, her business has employed anywhere

between four and eight staff.

Local resident Carl Dixon posted a plea for support to Facebook on Nov. 18 for Cole. In it, he asks customers to leave a generous tip with their next purchase.

"Slap down \$20, \$40, even \$50 if you can afford it for your meal or your coffee no matter what it cost (sic)," he wrote.

Cole is grateful for the support she's received, but hasn't been one to ask for handouts.

"I've never been one to ask for help like that, or to come by accepting it easily. I appreciate everyone's kind words. That's enough for me."

For Cole, many of her customers are like family. It will be difficult for her not to see them every day.

"I waited it out as long as I could because I really value every customer that's in here," she said.

"I trucked it out for as long as I could ... there's nothing left. The pool's drained completely."

Cole took over the business 10 years ago at the age of 19. Although her future plans are uncertain at this point, she doesn't plan on quitting the service industry.

"I just don't want anyone to think that it was specifically anyone's fault, other than the loss of sales," she said.

Village Donuts will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on its final day of business.

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The Dysart et al fire department was on scene at Industrial Road to put out the blaze, but they were unable to salvage the building. Fire chief Miles Maughan said the building was fully engulfed by the time his crew arrived on scene. At that point there was little they could do to save the building or the animals inside.

Haliburton Feed Co owners determined to rebuild

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"The Fire Marshal was called and because the fire was not suspicious or there weren't injuries they did not have the resources to investigate," wrote Maughan in an email. "The insurance company has sent in a fire investigator, and I have not heard if he has found anything."

"Both of us are pretty shattered," said Maureen. "We've been working really, really hard and today is kind of the first day that we're kind of at somewhat loose ends."

Her husband was unable to participate in the interview because he was catching up on sleep.

The store owners were alerted to the fire after receiving a call around midnight from Martin Grant, owner of Hyland Taxi.

"From what I understand, one of his drivers was driving along County Road 21 and looked over and saw a glow in that area," she recalled.

After getting the call, Maureen and Charles rushed to the store. They were quickly overcome by feelings of shock and disbelief as their business burned to the ground.

"I don't know what Charles was doing, but he was kind of jogging up toward [the fire]," said Maureen, adding that a firefighter put his arm out to stop her husband from getting

any closer.

All they could think of, said Maureen, was the welfare of the animals that were trapped in the building. A firefighter reassured them that the animals would have lost consciousness quickly due to carbon monoxide poisoning before succumbing to the fire.

"It's something ... you don't keep on thinking about it," she said.

"I would've rathered our house burned down. I really would've."

After realizing there was little they could do, Maureen and Charles left the scene around 3 a.m. Unable to rest due to the traumatic experience, they wandered in their home before returning to the scene just three hours later.

They met with Maughan that morning, but Maureen couldn't recall the details of the discussion. The past week has been quite a blur for both of them.

"We didn't know what to do. We felt like we should've stayed, but we just didn't know what to do. There wasn't anything we could do."

All they managed to recover was some money from the cash register. Maureen thinks they might be able to salvage a cast iron stove from the debris.

Since the fire, the couple's phone has been

ringing off the hook. Posts on social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, quickly went viral. A post on The Highlander's Facebook page from the night of the fire is currently up to 7,700 views and 37 comments.

"Blessings to the owners of this wonderful business and all that it meant," wrote Tracy Evans.

Joan Middleton wrote, "These people have been very key to the safety of rescued animals over the years. My heart goes out to them in the loss of this business."

That kind of support is what lead them to decide to move forward, and continue to give stray and baby animals a place to stay until the right person adopts them.

"Thank you never feels like it covers it," said Maureen, reflecting on the outpouring of support.

They've received several offers from people to take in animals and look after them until they reopen, which could happen sooner than later.

"Theoretically, we could actually open up sometime next week. We've got all our suppliers on-board and they're going to extend us some leeway with the first orders."

They had insurance coverage but aren't waiting for it to come through. Having received a couple of offers for temporary

space in Haliburton, they're gearing up to get back into business.

"We're kind of knocking on doors and asking for help," explained Maureen.

Another possibility they're considering is setting up trailers on the current property once the site has been cleared up.

"I'm not really worried about putting up shelves or decorating or anything like that."

Now 56 and 57 years old respectively, Maureen and Charles plan on being in business for as long as they possibly can. Although the job requires a full-time commitment and is very labour-intensive, their love of the animals is reason enough to return to work.

"I've always believed that the only reason we've stayed open for 19 years is because of the animals," she smiled.

Maureen is hesitant to ask the community for financial support, but would graciously accept assistance to move in to a temporary location. A decision on that should be reached by the end of the week, she said.

Anyone interested in lending Maureen and Charles a helping hand should email halfeedco@bell.net.

For footage of the fire and the fire department's efforts to extinguish the blaze, visit HighlanderOnline.ca.

Editorial opinion

When big business comes to town

Haliburton Village has lost two businesses in the last week.

One was completely preventable, the other not necessarily so.

On Nov. 13, The Great Haliburton Feed Company burned to the ground. By the time firefighters arrived on scene at the Industrial Road location, the building was fully engulfed and there wasn't much that could be done. The loss of this business – and the animals within – happened without warning, and it was fast.

This week, we learned that Village Court Donuts & Café, a staple for many in this town, will be closing its doors. Unlike The Great Haliburton Feed Company, the writing was on the wall for Village Donuts and we, as a community, could have done something about it.

But we didn't.

From the moment Tim Hortons was announced, there were those who predicted this kind of thing would happen. Small, locally-owned businesses would be unable to compete with the coffee giant, and doors would close. Despite those warnings, the project went ahead with support from council, and here we are, barely a year later, and those predictions have come true.

In her interview with Mark Arike, Shannon Cole – Village Donuts's owner – said her sales dropped anywhere from 20 to 30 per cent over the last few years. In her words, every cup of coffee Tim's sold was one that she didn't.

And what options did she have, really? How was she to compete? It's impossible to lower prices when you're already struggling to pay rent. Her sandwiches, while tasty, couldn't compete with the Timmies breakfast, backed by the company's huge advertising budget and purchasing power, both now even more overwhelming thanks to Burger King's recent acquisition of the chain. And then there's the 'Timmies factor'

– that people will wait as long as it takes in a Tim Hortons drive-thru to get their cup of coffee, just because it's Tim Hortons.

You could make the case that having a Tim Hortons in Haliburton makes us feel more legitimate as a town – the first thing visiting hockey parents ask at the arena is where's the nearest Tim Hortons – but at what cost? And is that how we measure our self-worth – by how many multinational chain outlets grace our landscape instead of the businesses we've built ourselves?

Are chain restaurants really progress, or are we shooting ourselves in the foot here? How long before the Kosy Korner has to start competing with McDonald's for breakfast? Will the Kosy's breakfast special stand up to the fast and greasy Egg McMuffin and hash brown combo? It should be a no-brainer, and yet I wonder.

This isn't intended to scold those who buy Tim Hortons coffee. If you preferred their coffee or donuts to Cole's, that's fine. But this should be an eye-opener. Decisions and actions have consequences, and we need to realize what we're doing to our small businesses and the characters of our towns. Our councils need the gumption to say no when there's no long term net benefit to our community. New jobs are great, but not at the expense of existing ones.

Cole closed her business because we let Tim Hortons into our community, and then we bought our coffee there. Unlike the owners of The Great Haliburton Feed Company who are planning to rebuild, we won't see Village Donuts again. We probably won't see many new cafes open nearby, either.

Our community is worse off for it.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Shopping locally

I'm not a big fan of absolutes. You know those rules, proclamations or assumptions that present themselves as starkly black and white when we know all too well that the world is predominantly grey.

One of those so-called rules that we're always bombarded by – and one you'll be hearing a lot during the fast approaching Christmas Season – is the catch-all blanket statement and/or plea for us to shop locally.

While I fully understand and appreciate the basic gist of the message, I think it comes across as both simplistic and heavy-handed. I say this not directed at any particular retailer in Haliburton County mind you, although I suppose this issue and the opinion is certain to hit some of you more directly than others. But I guess that's the point.

First off, I'm all for shopping locally. The various benefits of doing so can be understood by anyone with a basic understanding of commerce. However, I'm not a fan of shopping locally at all costs. This is a principle you might try to live by but it should hardly be considered a steadfast rule. The various reasons behind that rationale can also be understood by anyone with a basic understanding of simple commerce.

Which takes us back to that aversion to absolutes I mentioned off the top. Let's say you want to buy a motorcycle. You won't have a lot of options (if any) locally so no one will flash you the old stink eye should you be seen riding a new Kawasaki through town in the near future (given the approaching snow load we're soon to see, this would be deemed a bad idea anyway).

But let's say that it's not a motorcycle you're after but a new tennis racquet or, better yet, a brand spanking new table saw. The landscape has now suddenly changed. There are indeed a lot of local options, relatively at least, for buying that table saw and now it becomes a choice based more on a full series of questions a consumer has. This is also the part where that big cloud of grey appears. This is where people – depending on what side you're on – tend to only see the black and white on this issue. Here is where The Principle butts up squarely against The Rule.

On the one side are the local retailers who can offer a myriad of tables saw options. "Buy here" is their basic sales pitch.

On the other hand are the local consumers with the individual needs and wants defined by things like brand names and price. At this point it can get complicated and often nasty. As a local consumer shouldn't you buy locally to help support the community you're very much a part of? But as a local business shouldn't you offer the best price and selection so the local consumer doesn't feel the need to shop elsewhere?

Obviously there are some very complicated points to be made here. A local retailer often doesn't have the economic might to carry 12 different types of table saws which is something the local consumers need to factor into their decision. But the local retailer also needs to appreciate that the local consumers will have a list of criteria they're basing their purchase on and sometimes, quite honestly, they simply decide to go elsewhere. It's the consumers' prerogative to shop wherever they want.

Here both sides need a little more empathy. The local consumers need to consider that maybe paying \$9 more locally for a particular item is just a better decision for the community as a whole. Maybe they don't need to run to that box store in Barrie. By the same token the local retailers should not sleight the local consumers in the immediate future for their choice of going elsewhere to shop (and I've seen it happen at times). Fabricating a vendetta against someone simply because they shopped out of town isn't just childish, it's extremely bad business practice. Today's tire kicker can become tomorrow's customer. Good business people build bridges, they don't burn them.

Which leads us right back to that darn sweeping "Shop Local" slogan we all hear so (too?) much. Maybe it just needs an amendment, as in: Shop Local: your first choice may be your best choice.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Letters to the editor

May be two sides to poppy theft

Dear editor,

I just wanted to share another perspective regarding the unfortunate theft of the poppy box in Wilberforce.

While it is unfortunate that someone chose a wrong way to come in to some money, I was dismayed to hear all the judgment and no understanding. Perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Levia, and yourself, would like to imagine for a few moments the level of desperation this very horrible, awful “disgusting” thief may have been experiencing.

Is it “disgusting” to have a starving family at home? Is it “disgusting” to be so desperate to pay a bill, provide food for oneself or family, that one is driven to an act of desperation such as this? There is a lot of poverty in Haliburton County, which truly saddens me. I wish I could personally provide for each and every person, all their needs, for food, accommodation, travel, health, help with heating and paying the bills.

I am praying for there to be some grace in this situation, for those involved and affected to open the door and provide a way for the person who made a hurtful and unfortunate decision to steal to make restitution. Perhaps they could even provide them with what they

may need most, which would be friendship.

Have you all never found yourselves in a position of need? Then perhaps you would like to remind yourselves of how well blessed you are, show your gratitude in a real way, and help others who are much less fortunate. Those who fought for our freedom, fought also for a way for life to be lived. Providing for those less fortunate is part of what was fought for, was it not?

I come from a military family and also value redemption. We all are capable of making mistakes, but not everyone is capable of true forgiveness. That is something I believe would make those who gave their lives for the greater good very sad, if the offender in this case was never offered the opportunity to make amends. This county is, unfortunately, rather rampant with judgment, criticism, and prejudice. I am so grateful for my church family and community up here. Without them, and their love and support of me, I would not be surviving.

I hope I have given you all something to think about.

Leslie Socha
Dysart et al

Photo of the week



Photo by Allen Spencer

Winter has come to Haliburton County.

Feed Co down but not out

Dear editor,

The Great Haliburton Feed Company has been stricken by a devastating fire that destroyed the building and contents. I was even more distraught by the loss of the pets (cats and rabbits) that perished in this fire. Luckily the fire did not claim the donkeys that are housed close to the building.

The Great Haliburton Feed Company has been in business for at least 20 years. Many thousands of families either adopted an animal, be it a cat or dog, or purchased pet food, supplies and toys from the store. They

always received friendly and professional advice from the owners and staff.

I have just found out that the owners of the building will be rebuilding as soon as possible and The Great Haliburton Feed Company owners plan to continue this great tradition of service to all the county.

Even if Maureen and Charles don’t get back to full business in just one day, they will be sorely missed by their faithful customers.

Get back on your feet soon!

Al and Elsie Luke
Haliburton

Poppy theft an affront to veterans

Dear editor,

Concerning the story of the poppy campaign donation box theft out of Wilberforce, I was very upset. The incident is no reflection on the people of that community, but it is still disturbing.

Such a theft is, at the very least, like spitting into the face of the veterans and all the innocent people who suffered through the wars. Did the thieves not comprehend

what the poppy stands for? Did they care? Maybe the thieves should stand on the front line sometime. Then they might learn to comprehend and appreciate the sacrifice and sufferings of their forebears and the reason we have a poppy fund in Canada.

Stephen Hill
Haliburton

Oh deer, deer, deer

Yeah OK, so I missed. There’s no need to rub it in!

I failed spectacularly on the first chance I had to prove myself as a deer hunter. And I wasn’t, won’t be, allowed to forget it for as long as I live within laughing distance of any of the guys in the Upper Fifty hunt camp, believe me.

Now I have to admit to having foreseen the exact same result as which actually happened on my first shot at a deer in numerous premonitions. I just didn’t see it being quite so hilariously terrible because no one really wants to look like a fool in their own dreams, do they?

But I’m only giving you, dear reader, half of the story and so I guess I should fill you in on the events of my first morning on the deer hunt.

The air was still and the day crisp and clear as I sat on the snaking ridge of an old beaver dam, a lake twenty yards to my left, a marsh opening out to my right. Bordering the edge of marsh and lake were steep spruce covered hills. The radio crackled as I surveyed the scene. The Barber was checking that everyone

had got to their ‘watch’, their position in the hunt. Then came the announcement. “OK gentlemen, heads up. The hunt is on.”

Hunting with dogs is a nerve-racking and exciting affair because, while a deer might walk out to you at any time, your ears are always straining to hear the first bay of a hound as it finds the scent of a deer. And so it was on this morning. A distant ‘bow bowww bow’ rang out and I knew somewhere in the 400 acres that we were hunting a dog was on the trail of our quarry. My heart rate picked up its pace, my breath, blowing clouds in the cold air, quickened.

Suddenly, while the dogs were still way off in the distance, there was a pounding of hooves and a crashing through the bush. I stood, frantically trying to see where the noise was coming from, and almost before my eyes had caught up a deer burst through the trees at the edge of the marshy clearing.

Adrenalin coursed through every fibre of my body as the big doe bounded so fast, so gracefully, along the treeline. Almost in a dream, I put my rifle to my shoulder and shot, one, two, three times, racking the

shells through my lever action as fast as my trembling hands would allow. The deer disappeared into a hole in the trees.

I began to swear but before I had time to even finish the profanity, which wasn’t a long one by any means, two more deer shot across the same clearing. ‘Bang, bang’, my rifle rang out again but the two beautiful beasts raced on and were gone.

I slumped onto my seat, my heart still racing at a million miles an hour, the adrenalin overload making me feel super charged and deathly weary simultaneously. Then, the radio lit up. “Willy you got a copy? Willy was that you shooting? Willy did you get one?”

My answers were short. My disappointment apparent. My only attempt at a joke was a quip about getting ‘doe fever’. My fellow hunters, well, they were merciless, as I expected. Even Bob, who had previously earned the nickname Missalotski, couldn’t help himself.

It had all happened in slow motion and yet so fast, within a minute from hearing the deer to forlornly listening to the chuckled taunts on the radio, and I struggled to anchor the events

into reality.

When we got back to the camp I helped clean the deer we had shot, Bob having made a fabulous long shot to kill one running animal through the midst of the hardwoods. The wisecracks from the guys brought me back to the real world. I took my ribbing reasonably well I think, and I could see by the smiles in the eyes of my tormentors that they had wanted me to succeed, really.

It’s a few days on now and I’m playing back the scenario in my mind for the umpteenth time. I obviously have all kinds of ideas as to how I would do it different if the deer came to me again. But what I’ll actually do when it does happen will be unknown until that moment. And I’m putting this miss (these misses) down to experience, knowing full well that I can miss a deer as well as any Canadian hunter.

As for Bob, he wouldn’t give up his nickname, saying “You were just unlucky. You’re gonna have to earn the right to become a Missalotski!”



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What are your thoughts on the news that Village Donuts will be closing?



Barry Shaw
Minden

I am very, very upset. You hate to see a successful small business go down, especially when she is such a good person.

Beth Cross
Minden

Very sad. We will miss their great snacks, sandwiches and coffee.



Dan Hayward
Haliburton

It is sad that she will lose her business over a rent issue. A lot of contractors and workers will miss her coffee, donuts and sandwiches.

Earl Cox
Haliburton

That is really too bad. I thought they were doing well. I thought that Tim Hortons would hurt them.



Ryan Griffin
Eagle Lake

I will have to go a lot farther for my coffee every day. Not good news. Small business should be supported rather than the big business people.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Letters continued from page 5

Another one bites the dust

Dear editor,

In checking my Facebook this evening I read Carl Dixon's post about the demise of another coffee shop in the Village of Haliburton. I shared and posted my thoughts about the end of Village Court Donuts, which prompted a reply from Carl. I would hope that the thoughts expressed in this dialogue be read and understood by council in dealing with decisions which will impact positively and/or negatively impact on the future of Haliburton.

Carl Dixon wrote:

Our friend Shannon, who owns and operates the Village Court Donuts in Haliburton, is forced to close the doors on her beloved shop this Saturday.

Between the loss of business to the new donut/coffee corporate franchise on the edge of town (Village is down over 30 per cent from before Tim Hortons opened), and an aggressive rental agreement on her premises, Shannon can no longer keep it going. Her savings are depleted in the last six months' effort to keep Village Donuts alive, and she and her husband are expecting their first child in April. The future is quite uncertain for the little family.

It's too late to save this long-standing part of life in Haliburton village, but I have an idea

to help Shannon out. I'm asking everyone who reads this message to go in between now and Saturday for breakfast, lunch or just a coffee, and overpay like crazy for whatever you get. Slap down \$20, \$40, even \$50 if you can afford it for your meal or your coffee no matter what it cost.

Let's give Shannon a send-off with a better feeling and some lessened financial worries, after she's been squeezed out of existence by these market forces beyond her control. She's provided a cozy place and good food there for years. Please let's give her something back to ease the blow.

I echoed Carl Dixon's lament for the closing of the Village Court Donuts. We know that certain politicians see in Tim Hortons the panacea of progress and have done everything to get one established in Haliburton. Well, here is the flip side of progress. Not only are locally owned businesses closing their doors, now all the profits go to corporate headquarters and do not stay in town. It does not make sense while two shops are squeezed out of business, we can brag "our village is big enough to support a Tim Hortons."

Armin Weber
Eagle Lake

Reader applauds Teljeur's stance

Dear editor,

I want to thank Charlie Teljeur for stating so well what many of us think, but don't say out loud enough! It was a very insightful piece with a very strong message that hopefully will be heeded!

The strength in numbers that Charlie speaks of, in regard to advocating on behalf of the county, is the very reason a few of us thought it would be helpful to start a CARP Chapter here in Haliburton. The huge success of our chapter does indicate that there are a significant number of people in the county that agree with Charlie, as I do. The response from the public has been so positive that our chapter was just recognized by the National Office as the "fastest growing chapter in Canada."

Another great example that there is some great community spirit is the huge success of Canoe FM community radio. I had the pleasure of attending their full house annual meeting last week and it was just amazing. The basement of Lakeside Baptist Church was filled to capacity with supporters who were all there to support the cause and expected no personal gain. It was duly noted in the financial statements that if not for the support the station receives from

their fundraising efforts throughout the year, that the station would not continue to operate at all! A huge credit to all the volunteers that contributed their efforts in this regard and to those who contributed money to the cause.

All this being said, Charlie is absolutely right that there are still divisive attitudes in the county. One of the most glaring examples of this thinking that came out during the election campaigns was the pool and community centre issue. The need in the overall community has been demonstrated, but it is too big a project for any one municipality to take on. The only way it could be undertaken would be at the county level and that will never happen because it simply will benefit some municipalities and even parts of those municipalities more than others. Our county council structure is virtually designed for this kind of stalemate and we should, and must find a way around this! As Charlie quoted "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

Bob Stinson,
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The walrus, Bambi and a grouse

"The time has come the walrus said...."

Those words from Lewis Carroll's poem 'Jabberwocky' were not referring specifically to my story deadline for this column, obviously, but the words are sometimes used to suggest a 'time is up' scenario. And so it was with my story. Or, to be more precise, the lack thereof. Several ideas and leads had not panned out and I had no story. As I looked out the window at the softly-falling snow, wondering what to do, I wished I was a momentary Inuit and could write at length about the 64 different kinds of snow that will ultimately descend on our fair county. Alas, I'm not an Inuit. And snow? I don't even like the stuff.

How about hunting? Maybe I could write about that. It's an old chestnut I know, but it's very much a part of our culture and a continuing controversial topic hereabouts. Maybe it's time I had my say. As I wrote, I realized that this was the last day of the deer hunt and I got to thinking, in generalizations, that those voices casting yea votes in favour of hunting tend in the main, to come from people with hunting in their genes. The nays most often come from people newer to the Highlands, who voice the Disney philosophy of 'Bambi,' our cute

friend, not to be hunted and killed for sport.

The local hunters, as a general rule, defend their right to hunt by saying "it's our meat for the year," which in many cases is true, though why they insist on displaying carcass photographs of their future meals is beyond me.

What about bear? Some people hunt them. But I wondered tangentially, just how many people who hunt bear actually do it with the meat in mind. And why isn't there a name for bear meat? We say venison to coyly identify the meet of deer. Whatever, I quite like bear on occasion.

Oops. I guess I've admitted to eating game, but I don't admonish myself for being a hypocritical hybrid. I love all living things, cannot bring myself to hunt, though I readily eat moose, Bambi and bunny, and just about anything else that's tasty. It's just that someone else has to kill it.

Anyway, hunting, and the end to hunting season, must have been at the back of my mind when my diminutive Valkyrie and I sat reading in the living room this past weekend. Suddenly a tremendous, window-shaking boom shattered the silence. Michelle jumped off the couch like she'd been goosed by the jolly green giant.

"What was that?" she asked, as she descended with a two-cheek landing. A quick look at a large smudge on the outside of our front window confirmed my suspicion. We'd been struck by a low-flying missile; a partridge, or ruffed grouse to be precise. It must have been feeding in one of the nearby cherry trees before something startled it into flight.

I went over to the window and looked down. The grouse was rather elegantly outspread and displayed, reminiscent of an Audubon print, but on a carpet of freshly fallen snow, its neck bent back at that tell-tale angle that could only mean one thing. The poor bird gently quivered before lying still for a second or two. And then, as I continued watching, the tail feathers spread in that fan of glory that the male grouse displays when courting in the spring.

The fan of feathers twitched for several seconds and then slowly retracted as the grouse expired, never to move again. I looked on mesmerized and deeply saddened. I'd just witnessed the rather beautiful death of a living thing, but I felt guilty that it was our window that had caused the demise.

Later on that same day I went outside

and looked at the dead grouse and wondered what to do with it. Some people today, and for sure the early settlers, would have picked up the bird, let it hang upside

down for a day or two before plucking and eviscerating it and putting it in the oven.

I on the other hand, making the excuse that a woodland creature such as a fox would benefit more, threw the grouse into the bush. I can't really say what I learned from the experience, though it did confirm that I could not shoot a grouse or a deer unless we were starving. I was also left with the suspicion that even though we don't depend on bush meat we were not necessarily any better off for the fact.

Enough of hunting and animals dying. The hunting season is over and I can walk in the woods with impunity again. But now I have to go because the immortal walrus is getting impatient with my verbosity.



By George Farrell

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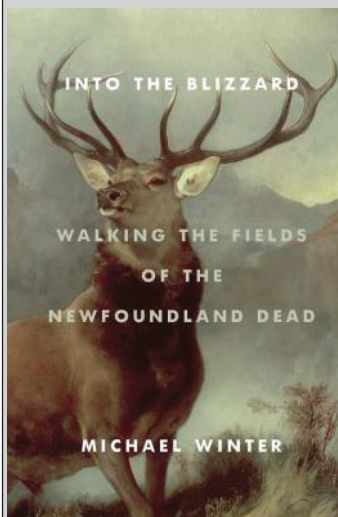
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2. *Flesh and Blood*: a Scarpetta novel by Patricia Cornwell
3. *Rogue of the Highlands* by Cynthia Breeding

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Into the Blizzard: walking the fields of the Newfoundland dead* by Michael Winter
2. *Time Will Say Nothing: a philosopher survives an Iranian prison* by Ramin Jahanbegloo
3. *Billy Joel: the definitive biography* by Fred Schruers

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

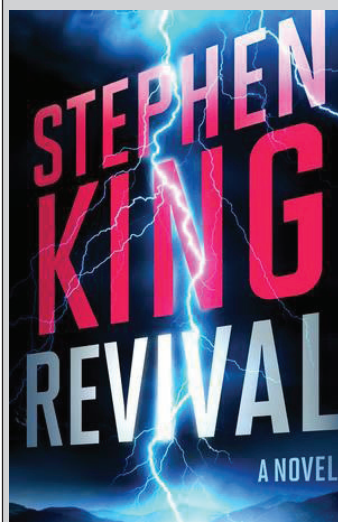
1. *Out of This World* by Charles De Lint (YA)
2. *Tales of the Great Beasts* by Brandon Mull (JF)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *How to Train Your Dragon 2* (DVD)
2. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Friend's Christmas Book Basket Sale and Book Nook Winter Book Sale is happening Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Minden Hills Branch. On Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Santa's Elf-in-Training will drop in to give children under 10 a free Scholastic book donated by the Haliburton and Minden District Lions Clubs.





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Meetings and Events

Nov 21-23

Festival of Trees, Minden Cultural Centre

Nov 22

11:30 am, Santa Claus Parade, downtown Minden.

Visit www.mindenhills.ca for route info.

6:00 pm, Glitter Fundraising Event, Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Dec 1

7:00 pm, Inaugural meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers. Public Welcome to attend

Dec 11

9:00 am, COTW/Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers

Weekly in November

Tuesdays - 7:00 pm, Euchre Night at the Lochlin Community Centre starting Oct. 7.

Wednesdays & Sundays

12:00 to 2:00 pm

FREE Public Skating,

Minden Arena. Helmets recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations accepted.

Skate rental & sharpening not available.

Wednesdays - 7:00 pm, Euchre Night at the Irondale Community Centre.

Visit www.mindenhills.ca/calendar/ for details on these and other events.

5th Annual Festival of Trees

AT THE MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE
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AT THE AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY

The 2014 Members' Show

Nov 18 - Dec 20

A great opportunity to see the varied works of our members who are also artists. This year's show features George Farrell's 'Fatal Abstraction,' a photo series on rust.

Dec 20 at 3:00 pm - Closing reception and the celebration of the 2014 People's Choice Award recipient.

Photography Juried Exhibition
Jan 2015

At the AJG for the month of January. Photos will be juried by curator Laurie Carmount. A great opportunity for photographers to showcase their prowess and creativity with a camera. An exhibition catalogue will be produced. Entries accepted from Dec 1-5. Visit <http://mindenhills.ca/art-gallery/exhibitions/> or 176 Bobcaygeon Rd for entry forms.

Book Launch

Dec 4, 2014, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Come and join Jack Brezina, Jerelyn Craden and George Farrell as they read excerpts from Farrell's cottage country mystery novel 'Lonely Lake.' George will be signing copies, plus any previously purchased copies. Light refreshments will be provided.

IN THE COMMON ROOM

ART'n AROUND: an after school program with instructor Sarah Jowett
Every Tuesday 3:30pm to 4:30pm
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If you are interested please contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount 705-286-3763

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Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 pm from October to May
Focusing on the stewardship of our lakes and waterways.
\$20/month, includes nature journal and supplies.
Indoor/outdoor program. Limited to 10 spots

National Film Board Thursdays

Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:00 pm (ongoing)

Screenings of award-winning documentaries from the National Film Board of Canada.

Nov 27 - 'PASSAGE' (2008) 113 min. This moving documentary looks into the tale of British explorer Sir John Franklin and his crew of 128 men who perished in the Arctic ice during an ill-fated attempt to discover the Northwest Passage. Focusing on John Rae, who later travelled thousands of miles on foot and by small craft to collect evidence of the expedition. He reported that the crew had descended into madness and cannibalism. The reports did not sit well with British Society and a bitter public campaign against Rae ensued. 'Passage' is a story of incredible sacrifice, and stunning distortion of the truth; and it challenges the way we look at history.

Painting Time with Harvey Walker - Adults (ongoing)

Monday mornings from 10 am - 12 noon

\$5/day/person

Felted Stocking Workshop with Nadine Papp

December 9 at 6:00 pm

Learn to needle and felt a beautiful stocking for the holiday season. \$30/person. Call 705-286-3763 to register.

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30 Years 30 Artifacts

Nov 2014 - March 2015

In an exhibition celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Minden Hills Museum, 30 artifacts have been chosen as premier pieces. Some of these artifacts have national and provincial significance, while others simply tell us a story about our local history. Join us as we celebrate and make visible, 30 years of our past.

30 Years/30 Artifacts Exhibition Opening

Dec 12 at 4:00 pm

An unveiling of some museum pieces that have yet to be shown to the public.

Holiday Fun Day

Sat Dec 6 from 11:00 - 3:00 pm

An afternoon of holiday movies and crafts for kids in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Admission by donation.

Holiday Hike

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Fahrenheit 1500 - The Nature of Forest Fires

The exhibit looks at both the positive and negative aspects of forest fires and the effect forest fires have on our ecosystem.

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology

Dec 2-14 to Mar 20-15

Dead Zones in bodies of water are developing in the lakes and oceans throughout the world. How are they being created? What will happen if we ignore the problem? This exhibition explores the dangers, vulnerabilities and threats of the Dead Zone phenomena.



The Township of Minden Hills'

Santa Claus Parade

Saturday November 22nd at 11:30am

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For more information contact Elisha at
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Road Closure Notice

The Township of Minden Hills would like to inform residents and business owners that the Bobcaygeon Road (from the intersection of Fleming Road in Newcastle Street) will be closed on Saturday November 22nd from 11:00-1:00pm for the annual Santa Claus Parade.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you would like more information please contact Elisha at 705-286-1936 x204

Notice of Inaugural Meeting of Council

The public is invited to attend the Inaugural Meeting for the newly elected Council, on December 1st at 7:00 pm in the Minden Hills Council Chambers

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for additional ad**

Highlander arts



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Harry Manx dazzles an audiences with his traditional blues and Indian-inspired sounds. Top right: Manx’s music sidekick, Steve Marriner, wows the crowd with his harmonica playing abilities. Bottom: Patrons whistle, clap and cheer at the start of the show.

Harry Manx brings unique style to Haliburton for Folk Society concert

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

More than 200 people packed into the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 15 to be entertained and enlightened by award-winning artist Harry Manx and Steve Marriner.

The sold-out concert was hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) as part of the group’s 2014-15 Music Makers Series.

“The Harry Manx concert was the most

expensive concert we have ever presented but we are very pleased with the results – a sold-out crowd and a truly remarkable performance by consummate musicians,” wrote HCFS president Barry Martin in an email. “We are blessed with great audiences – the theatre was abuzz with excitement and energy of the concertgoers.”

Martin added that the response from those who attended the show has been overwhelmingly positive.

“The feedback has been incredible,” he said. Despite the wintry weather, many patrons

who attended the show came from outside of Haliburton County.

Originally from the Isle of Man, located between the islands of Great Britain and Ireland, Manx has been called an “essential link” between the music of East and West, telling short stories that bring together “the tradition of the blues with the depth of classical Indian ragas,” according to his website.

He spent time developing his craft in India under the tutelage of Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, the Grammy award-winning inventor of the

20-stringed Mohan Veena. This is Manx’s trademark instrument and he played it throughout the night.

A member of the award-winning blues band Monkey Junk, Marriner complemented Manx with his harmonica playing skills and dazzling vocal range. Together, the two have toured all over the world to share their talents.

The HCFS will host the second annual Homemade Stew concert on Dec. 13 at the same venue. For more information visit haliburtonfolk.com.

Comedy dominates Summer Festival lineup

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The upcoming Highlands Summer Festival season is going to deliver a lot of laughs.

That’s the promise artistic director Scot Denton made after revealing the lineup of shows for 2015 during a volunteer appreciation event at McKecks Tap & Grill on Nov. 16.

“There’s a lot of comedy this season and I think it’s going to be great for us,” said Denton.

The season will open on June 29 with Lend Me a Tenor, a comedy written by playwright Ken Ludwig. The production will include nine performances over two weeks.

“It should be a really good kick-off to the summer,” he said.

Next to take the stage will be One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, a play by Dale Wasserman that is based on Ken Kesey’s 1962 novel of the same name.

Third in the lineup is Wingfield Lost and Found, a

comedy written by Dan Needles and starring Rod Beattie. The production is the last show in a series of seven installments.


Following up the success of last year’s very popular production of Nunsense is Nunsensations! The play follows the antics of a group of nuns who are offered a \$10,000 donation to their school if they agree to perform at a club in Las Vegas. “This obviously will have an audience. I think they’ll like it very, very much,” he said, adding that the show will be cabaret size.

The final production, Ralph + Lina, is a movement piece that follows the struggle of two Italian lovers in the face of war, immigration and old age.

Denton is looking forward to the upcoming season, one that will once again be put together by “dedicated and focused volunteers.”

“I think that we produce live theatre which has the capacity to transform other people and ourselves,” he said. Auditions for the various roles will begin in January.

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Top: Designer Emma Lovell creates a graphic recording of the discussions held at the first SPARC Network Summit. Bottom: Rural arts presenters gather at the Bonnie View Inn to examine the pros and cons of creating a province-wide performing arts network.

SPARCing a national network for the performing arts

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

About 20 people from across Ontario gathered at the Bonnie View Inn for a weekend of brainstorming to determine the future role of SPARC and figure out what a network for performing artists could look like.

The three-day Network Summit was held from Nov. 14-16 and hosted by Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities, formerly known as the Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities. The summit, which was funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, was co-facilitated by consultants Jim Blake and Inga Petrie.

In April, SPARC hosted a four-day symposium in Haliburton that focused on the business of performing arts in a rural setting. Over 120 delegates, including 20 youth from across the province, attended the event, which was labelled as "the first of its kind in Canada."

"The hope is to create a national network

of rural creators, producers, presenters and animators to sustain and grow the performing arts in rural communities," wrote Elisha Barlow, SPARC network coordinator, in an email. "SPARC strongly believes that the performing arts have a positive impact on the economic health and well-being of rural and remote communities."

On Sunday morning, Blake presented an updated vision for SPARC and the emerging model that came out of discussions with participants.

"This isn't the final thing, but it's something for us to move forward with," he said.

"These are guiding documents and things can change as we go along."

Words used to describe the organization's guiding principles included grassroots, collaborative, inclusive, sustainable, proactive, innovative and celebratory.

Blake presented illustrations using a house analogy to show how SPARC could establish new partnerships and maintain a strong foundation with its founding organizations.

"It [the house] stands firm because we have all these other folks who are really stable," he explained.

Some of the goals identified at the end of the weekend were to host another symposium, broaden the network, create hubs and make success measurable.

It was decided that three work groups must be formed to address communication and an online platform, outreach, and planning the next symposium.

Now that the summit is over, Barlow will review all of the information that was gathered with the SPARC committee and create a plan with the newly formed groups that fits in with the current budget and timeline.

"This will be a plan for SPARC but also a work plan for the rest of my current contract with SPARC," she said.

SPARC currently sits under the auspices of the Arts Council and the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

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Highlander life

Synthesizer tune finds surprise online success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Mark Rodden's first YouTube project is gaining traction on the popular video-sharing website, but it hasn't quite hit viral status yet.

It all started four years ago when Rodden's wife, Vicky, heard him play a work in progress on his synthesizer.

"Vicky shouted out, 'That's perfect!'" he recalled.

"Eventually I thought, 'This is not bad, actually. Why don't I work on this?'"

The retired Haliburton resident purchased a software package that would allow him to create a full arrangement with up to seven different instruments.

"It was hard," said Rodden of the creative process. "There are an infinite number of ways of doing an arrangement."

While working on the song "Love Driving My Car" in April, one of Rodden's two computers crashed as he was recording test vocals. He then had to use editing software to correct the notes.

"That was a big job – that almost took two months," he said.

Vicky took photos and shot video for the song, which currently has more than 59,000 hits on YouTube and is number one on the pop charts on VTYO, a website that features the work of independent artists and directors. It has held a spot in the top nine for the past

seven weeks.

Footage was captured in downtown Haliburton, Ottawa, Toronto and other parts of Canada.

The song, which "explores the augmented fourth," said Rodden, celebrates personal freedom and carries a political undertone.

"I feel that our personal freedoms are being insidiously eroded at an incredible rate, and the public is generally too stupid to see what's happening or too fatalistic, too cynical to believe they can do anything about it," he explained. "But I believe if you have consciousness of things, you can change them."

The production was a "major undertaking" for Rodden, but it isn't his first creative endeavour. Many years ago he wrote a musical for CBC called Star Begotten, which won the Monaco Radio Contest prize in 1979. Surprisingly, Rodden didn't spend a lifetime working in music or showbiz; he was a security officer for the Royal Ontario Museum.

For the past 11 years, Rodden and his wife have hosted a weekly radio program on Canoe FM called Candlelight and Beer. The two-hour program features some of the greatest romantic ballads from the past several decades.

Rodden is grateful for his wife's support and involvement in his latest project.

"She's a very creative person. I'm very



Photo by Mark Arike

Mark Rodden's song "Love Driving My Car" has received almost 60,000 views on YouTube and is finding success on VTYO.

auditory, she's more visual. It seems to be a good combination," he said.

Although he doesn't expect to become the next pop sensation with millions of views and a deal with VEVO, Rodden is looking forward to seeing where the project goes.

"I think it's still in its infancy," he said,

thanking the community for their support since the video went online in September.

"They've been very generous in their support."

To watch the music video visit vtyo.com and search "Love Driving My Car." The song can also be purchased on iTunes for \$0.99.



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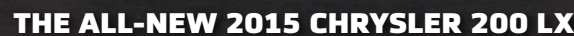
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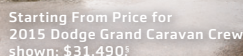
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Highlander life



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Toronto-area musician Chris Smith performs at the first annual Heat Bank fundraiser. Right: Guests chat and dine on some hors d'oeuvres provided by Rhubarb Restaurant.

Heat Bank fundraiser a scorching success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The message was loud and clear at the inaugural Haliburton County Heat Bank fundraiser: no one should have to go without heat during the winter.

On Nov. 16, about 75 people came together at Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon to put their dollars toward helping local residents in need of emergency firewood and fuel.

The event raised just over \$6,300.

Tina Jackson, outreach coordinator for A Place Called Home, told those in attendance that last year was a very difficult winter for many county residents. Her phone has been ringing off the hook with requests.

"This year has been pretty incredible considering that we're only in the middle of November," said Jackson, who handles the intake process for the new program.

She gave examples of clients who have already accessed the service, including one elderly woman who had to gather branches in her backyard to stay warm last winter.

"That's not acceptable in Haliburton County," said Jackson.

The woman received a stack of wood last week.

Some local families are currently wearing snowsuits in their homes to stay warm,

Jackson pointed out. One 90-year-old man moved from his home to his front porch so he could keep warm beside his wood stove when his furnace broke down and he couldn't afford the repair bill.

Jackson was touched by the turnout at the fundraiser.

"It's this community that is amazing," she said.

Heat Bank co-founder John Teljeur said that getting behind this initiative was one of the best things he's done in his life other than being a father. He recalled last year's rough winter and the burden it placed on those in need.

"If we go through another winter like we just did, and we don't do something about it, then we're foolish because we're not really helping people," said Teljeur.

Community groups that got involved in the program include Abbey Gardens, Community Living and three of Haliburton County's food banks.

Terri Matthews, co-owner of Rhubarb, has committed to hosting the event annually at the restaurant.

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Highlander sports



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Above: Chris Hall was named captain of the Red Hawks hockey team during the club's last practice before their season opener against Fenelon Falls. Coach Ron Yake said Hall is a veteran leader on the team. Left: Coach Ron Yake explains to his team how he wants to move the puck during a practice at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Yake said he's still unsure where the team's strengths are, but he's expecting strong goaltending and defence.

Hall named Red Hawks captain

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Veteran Red Hawk defenceman Chris Hall has been named the high school hockey team's captain and will lead them against Fenelon Falls in the season opener on Nov. 20.

Coach Ron Yake said Hall was a leader on the team last year, and he's looking for more of the same as half the players are new to the Red Hawks this season.

"I always expect the guys that are returning to be the leaders of the team and that's what I'm hoping will happen this year," he said. "Chris Hall on defence has been with the

team for quite a while. I know he'll be a leader this year."

Yake said his expectations this season are for the team to be competitive, but he said it's impossible to guess whether or not a championship is in the cards.

"My expectations are for us to come together as a team, and that our best game hopefully is our last game, not our first game," he said. "I think we're going to be competitive and we're going to work towards the best results we can get."

The team's strength this year may be between the pipes, where Yake will count on two of his Grade 12 goaltenders to carry the load. As far as the offence and defence go,

he's not sure what to expect.

"We don't really know our strengths," he said. "We kind of had a little bit of a slow start getting out of the gate here with practices. I think we're going to be strong in goal. [Our] two Grade 12 goalies [will be] a benefit for us."

With Hall anchoring the blue line, Yake said he hopes his team's defence will be another strength.

"We definitely are going to work towards team defence, playing together as a defensive team."

The Red Hawks aren't a big team, but the coach said he likes their mix of size and speed.

"We've got a nice mixture," he said. "We definitely have some big guys, and we've got some smaller guys with lots of speed that can control the puck. It's a nice balance."

In the opener against Fenelon Falls, Yake said he's looking for his team to compete. "I'm looking for hard work, a lot of discipline, and moving the puck. Those are the big three."

Fenelon Falls is one of three teams the coach expects to be strong this year. The other two include St. Peter's and Crestwood.

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Highland Storm

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Submitted by Monica Keefer

The Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE faced off against Almaguin on Nov. 15. Despite a great effort, the team lost 5-3. Sunday we travelled to Port Carling to play the Muskoka Rock. Our boys came out strong and never let up. With great teamwork, passing and determination, they won 11-2. Honourable mentions go to Alex Wilbee, Jon Morrison and the entire team. Our next games are Nov. 23 in Sundridge and Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. against Almaguin in Haliburton. Come out and cheer on the team.

RM Carpentry Atom A

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

It was a big weekend with three games on tap. The Storm battled to a 2-2 tie with the Bancroft Jets. We got one from Phippen on a great effort and pass from Winder behind the net. The second was buried by Robinson with a great second effort to get his own rebound, after a pass behind the net from Mash. But the results could have been much different if not for the stellar play of Maddock between the pipes. The next game was a disappointing 7-3 loss to the Huntsville Otters, after the Storm jumped out to a

lightning fast 3-1 lead. The first goal came on a rush by defenseman Glecoff, carrying the puck behind the net and passing out front to Winder for the finish. Winder's second came on another pass out front from behind the net. The third was a beautiful redirection into the top shelf by Phippen on a hard pass from the wing by Winder. But the Storm didn't let the previous days' events dampen their resolve for the South Muskoka Bears. From previous meetings, the Storm knew this would be a rough affair but this one was a little more physical than earlier meetings. The Bears struck first, catching Maddock off guard with an off-speed shot that just trickled past. The Storm responded with a top shelf sweetie from Phippen. Again the Bears took the lead, but the Highlanders stormed back to tie it with another from Phippen. Next came a plethora of physical play, anomalous in Atom hockey. But the Storm prevailed with a final goal and hat trick from Phippen. With two men in the sin bin during the last minutes of play, the Bears could not mount an effective come back and the Storm took this one 3-2.

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Susan Haedicke

The Storm spent the weekend in Elmvale and attended the Brian

English Memorial Tournament. First game was a great 2-0 win against the Listowel Cyclones. It was a great shut-out for Parker Smolen and an excellent start to the weekend for the Storm. Next was another 6-0 shut-out win for the Storm team against the Flesherton Golden Hawks. The Patterson-Smith line started the goals, controlled the play and the puck with some perfect drop passes and countless shots. Hats off to Flood, who got three goals in the game. The Storm met with the Kawartha Coyotes and it proved to be an exciting game from the start that ended in a 3-3 tie. The Storm team took the semi-final game 4-2 against the Kawartha Coyotes in the rematch early on Sunday. The Storm got on the scoreboard

first in the second period with a shot by Patterson-Smith, assisted by Manning. The Storm answered back with a hard pass from Turner to Flood, his keen eye saw the opening for the goal ending the second period 2-1. It was a hard shot by Jacob Haedicke from the point that was deflected in by Cooper, making it 4-2 half way through the third. The Storm won the final game 6-2 against the Listowel Cyclones. The Storm may have been a bit over confident, on their heels at the start and were shocked when the Cyclones took off with a 2-0 lead in the first period. They picked up the pace late in the second with a goal by Dollo. The Cooper, Prentice and Haedicke line dug in and worked hard for the next five goals.



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Monday afternoon, Nov. 10

Men
High average: Claude Cote – 199
High single: Claude Cote & Fred Phipps – 234
High single handicap: Fred Phipps – 265
High triple: Claude Cote – 677
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 749
Women
High average: Chris Cote – 180
High single: Solveg Stout – 200
High single handicap: Solveg Stout – 275
High triple: Vicki Ross – 513
High triple handicap: Vicki Ross – 684

Monday night, Nov. 10

Men
High average: Rick West – 214
High single: Doug Reinwald – 272
High single handicap: Matt Harding – 298
High triple: Rick West – 627

High triple handicap: Matt Harding – 743
Women
High average: Cathy Snell – 218
High single: Cathy Snell – 298
High single handicap: Cathy Snell – 297
High triple: Cathy Snell – 732
High triple handicap: Cathy Snell – 756

Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11

Men
High average: Ken Thompson – 213
High single: Claude Cote – 278
High single handicap: Claude Cote – 300
High triple: Claude Cote – 678
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 744
Women
High average: Chris Cote – 177
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Wednesday Special Olympics, Nov. 5

Men
Trevor Brauer – 163
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Women
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Thursday, Nov. 13

Men
High average: Jim Cummings – 178
High single: Don Chapman – 238
High single handicap: Don Stiver – 282
High triple: Gerry Wagg – 564
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Women
High average: Barb Ballantyne & Pat Stiver – 173

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Friday afternoon, Nov. 14

Men
High average: Ken Thompson – 210
High single: Gary Hunt – 246
High single handicap: Gary Hunt – 300
High triple: Ken Thompson – 633
High triple handicap: Paul Cameron – 782
Women
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The college question

Very soon I am going to be finishing high school. For most this is a welcomed milestone, but for me it's forcing a tough decision.

In my personal opinion I think it's a ridiculous mindset that some people have about the outcome of one's future if you've only finished high school as compared to someone who has a college or university degree. Post-secondary education can provide a leg up, but that doesn't mean someone with a high school education can't succeed. Their options are different, yes, but there are still options.

By now I have had some work experience in both writing and general labour. Given a choice I would gladly be a pencil-pusher because it's much less physically

demanding. However, I've had friends confuse me for being a 24 year old by the way I talk about things, and that's my point. You can be a very intellectual individual and contribute to society with only a high school diploma.

Perhaps you didn't go to college due to the ludicrous expenses associated with it. However, in the employer's eye, your average high school graduate with a good work history compared to the gentleman with a bachelor's degree may still be a close match for the position. One of my teachers once told me a high school graduate with an amazing portfolio of previous work experience can sometimes have the advantage over a college graduate with a basic portfolio. Job experience is generally

what separates the one from the other.

The exception is for more specialized professions.

Right now if I had to choose a profession I would pick video game design over everything else. Although it's relatively group-based, it is something I could do online from home and I could potentially bring some decent games to an otherwise sequel-saturated market. But that's just the path I want to take. For others it's construction or working with animals. I love video games so I want to design them, but another teenager might want to be a construction worker or a firefighter.

We are all different and we all have different aspirations. The only thing that stands between us and our dream job is

finding the right path.

College is definitely necessary to become successful in some professions, because by going to college you learn precise functions of that job. Some jobs also require specific qualifications by law, which you can earn through college. But for others, good work ethic and earning the right experience is enough to find success.

To be a video game designer, I know my path will lead me to college. And while I know college students are more accepting than the teenagers in high school, I'm just not sure I'm ready for it yet.

Through my eyes



By Austin McGillion

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Highlander events



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Pauline Marshall (left) sells a Christmas decoration to Marg Dart.

Bazaar draws buyers

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

From preserves to crafts, snowmen, vases, and everything in between, you could find it at the annual Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary Snowflake Bazaar.

The Nov. 15 sale took place at the Haliburton Legion. The hall was packed with tables, each full of a variety of Christmas items for sale. The Ladies Auxiliary president, Cheryl James, said it's one of her favourite events of the year.

"You get to meet all of the people from the community, and shop," she said. "There's a

lot of beautiful, really nice stuff here."

Both James and the group's secretary treasurer, Mary Hambly, were happy with the turnout.

"Everything we make supports our branch," said Hambly. "We support the legion."

James said the donations from the event will help support the branch through the winter months. They raised \$1,050.

The crowd included locals who were shopping for Christmas decorations, as well as out-of-town hockey parents from the arena next door who stopped in while their kids were waiting to take the ice.



Photo by Mark Arike

From left (back row to front): Sherry Stromberg, Brittany Kent, Heather Mulholland, Carol Beauville, Katie Sutcliffe, Ashley Reid, Jodi Paterson and Kay Foster.

Deals galore at Ladies Night

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Great deals and a good cause were the focus of Ladies Night at Minden Home Hardware on Nov. 14.

The ninth annual event featured 15 per cent off regular priced merchandise, do-it-yourself crafts corner, refreshments and a silent auction with proceeds going to Food for Kids.

The event raised about \$540 for the student nutrition program.

"I feel this cause is very important due to

the high number of unemployed people in this community to ensure our children are not starting their day hungry, preventing them from learning," wrote store owner Jodi Paterson in an email. "Children are our future and I like to keep my donations local to support our immediate community."

Although the two-hour event is labelled as Ladies Night, it was open to both genders.

"It's to get locals into town to do a bit of shopping and give them some good deals," said Paterson.

In the past, proceeds from the event have been donated to the YWCA.

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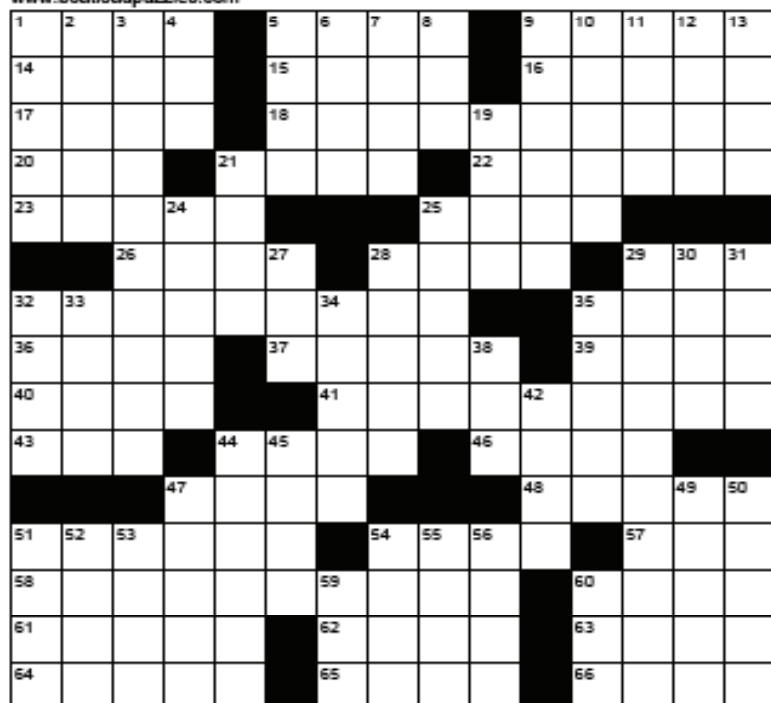
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32. Large sets of computer info
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37. Large trucks
40. Knights
41. Acceptance of others
43. Dried grass
44. In this manner
46. Passenger vehicle
47. Cut wood
48. Entice
51. Ralph ____ of fashion
54. Amtrak stops (abbr.)
57. A Gershwin
58. Intrigued
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2. Brief review
3. ____ school
4. Pacino and Gore
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6. Tooth problem
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9. Macaroni and spaghetti
10. Musician ____ John
11. Shortly
12. Song
13. Certain poems
19. Wyatt ____
21. Talkative
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25. Aromatic herb
27. "Viva ____ Vegas"
28. Office notes
29. Thrifty
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34. Framed (2 wds.)
35. Overjoy
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44. "____ Something About Mary"
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49. Printing ____
50. Sample food
51. ____ Kudrow of "Friends"
52. Picnic pests
53. Provo's state
54. Big Dipper component
55. Duration
56. Summer drinks
59. Health farm
60. Wide street (abbr.)

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Stanhope Line Dancing Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall 9 am - 12 pm</p> <p>Pickleball – Haliburton HHSS 7 pm - 9:45pm</p> <p>Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre 1 pm - 4 pm</p> <p>CFUW - Fleming College - A photographers look at beauty -7 pm</p>	<p>HALIBURTON VILLAGE SANTA CLAUS PARADE Tree Lighting and Carols 6 pm - Parade 6:30 pm</p> <p>5th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES Minden Hills Cultural Centre 10 am - 8 pm</p> <p>Winter Book Sale - Minden Hills Library 10 - 2 pm</p>	<p>5th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES Minden Hills Cultural Centre 10 am - 8 pm</p> <p>GLITTER - Minden Hills Cultural Centre 6 pm - 12 am</p> <p>Highlands Chamber Orchestra - Northern Lights Pavilion 7:30 pm</p> <p>Winter Book Sale - Minden Hills Library 10 - 2 pm</p>	<p>5th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES Minden Hills Cultural Centre 10 am - 8 pm</p> <p>Ugly Sweater Run - Haliburton Library, 1 pm</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Club 35 Tai Chi Classes Dorset Recreation Centre 12 am</p> <p>Haliburton Scottish Country Dancing J.D.Hodgson Elementary 7 - 9 pm</p> <p>Table Tennis Club - 5:30- 7:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre</p>	<p>Dorset Quilters and Needleworkers - Dorset Recreation Centre 9:30 am - 11:30 am</p> <p>Stanhope Shuffleboard Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall 1pm - 4 pm</p> <p>Dorset Community Policing Committee Meeting Dorset Recreation Centre 7:30 - 9 pm</p>	<p>Minden Hills Pickleball Minden Community Centre 9 am -12 pm</p> <p>Haliburton Highlands Camera Club - meeting, Minden Legion 7 pm</p> <p>Dorset Yoga Classes - Dorset Recreation Centre 10 -11 am</p>	<p>Stanhope Line Dancing Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall 9 am -12 pm</p> <p>Pickleball – Haliburton HHSS 7 pm - 9:45pm</p> <p>Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre 1 pm - 4 pm</p> <p>Dorset Adult Drop-In Volleyball - Dorset Rec Centre 7 -8:45 pm</p>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>Highlands Chamber Orchestra - Northern Lights Pavilion 7:30 pm</p> <p>Club 35 Bid Euchre 17459 Hwy 35 7 - 10:00 pm</p> <p>Club 35 Zumba -17459 Hwy 35 9:30 - 10:15 am</p>	<p>Be A Musher -Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Hallelujah Chorus - Haliburton United Church 3:00 pm</p> <p>The Highlands Festival Singers - Haliburton Untied Church 3:00 - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Club 35 Tai Chi Classes Dorset Recreation Centre 12 am</p> <p>Haliburton Scottish Country Dancing J.D.Hodgson Elementary 7 - 9 pm</p>
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION NOV 20 - NOV 26, 2014			
<p>Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month</p>	<p>Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.</p>	<p>Wilberforce Branch General meeting, Thursday, 7 p.m. Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.</p>	

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Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Bowlers get together at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden in support of Youth Unlimited after-school programs.

Mega bowl raises \$1,800 for kids programs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The seventh annual Youth Unlimited Mega Bowl has raised \$1,800 for two after-school programs and donations continue to trickle in.

Fifteen bowlers participated in the event, which took place on Nov. 15 at Fast

Lane Bowling in Minden. A number of donated prizes were handed out for the top fundraising team, two highest scores (male and female) and most honest team (lowest scores).

"The community support just shows that it's needed for the kids," said interim director Dana McMahon.

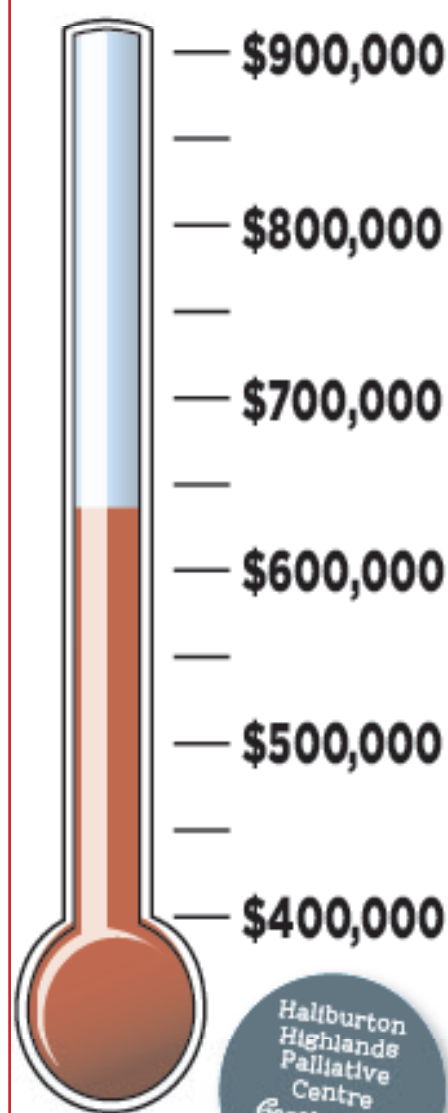
The two after-school programs – Haven

and The Bridge – provide children an opportunity to learn, play and socialize in a safe environment. Haven is for students in Grades 4-6 and The Bridge is offered to those in Grades 7-9. Both programs are set up in Minden and Haliburton.

For more information visit youthunlimitedkaw.com.



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**Meals on Wheels
Community Services of Haliburton County.**

Saturday, November 29, 8:30-11:30 am.
Cost is \$15 per person.

You can register for this workshop on the Abbey Gardens website: www.abbeygardens.ca or call us at 705-754-4769. Spaces are limited so book today!!

People Helping People

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Christmas Open House
Join us Saturday November 29, 2014 9:00am - 5:00pm
Browse our winter wonderland.
Beautiful, unique and memorable gift ideas.
Shop local this holiday season!
We will be collecting for our local Food Bank on this day.
Bring in a non perishable for your chance to win a Christmas arrangement!

Christmas Workshops
Fresh wreath workshops
Wednesday November 26, 2014 at 5:30pm
Cost is \$45 all material is provided.
Christmas Table Arrangement:
Wednesday December 3, 2014 at 5:30
Cost is \$45 all material provided.
Call or drop in to register for our workshops.
Spaces is limited.

What's on



Abbey Gardens
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 Winter Festival

December 6th, 2014 • 12pm – 3pm
 Drop in for some Winter Magic at Abbey Gardens!

- 12pm-2pm: Create beautiful natural Christmas decorations (pre-registration preferred)
- Take a winter walk beyond our sleeping gardens
- Enjoy homemade cookies with hot chocolate
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Saturday, November 29th, 7.30 PM, Northern Lights Pavilion

Highlands Christmas Shindig

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All proceeds from tickets and treats go to support
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- Brigitte Gall
- Heritage Ballet
- Joy Jam
- Carl Dixon
- Shout Sister
- An excerpt from Pirates of Penzance
- The Tentshakers
- Highlands Little Theatre comedy teams .. and more ..

Tickets are on sale now at
Cranberry Cottage and Minden Pharmasave
\$15 each or \$50 for a family of four

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What's on



File photo

A group of young Heritage Ballet dancers took part in last year's Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton. The dance studio had their own float for the parade.

St. Nicholas heads for the Highlands

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Santa Claus is coming to town. His first stop in the county tour is Haliburton Village for the annual Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 21. Organized by the Haliburton &

District Lions Club, the evening kicks off at 6 p.m. with carol singing and the lighting of the village Christmas tree. The parade follows at 6:30 p.m.

This year's theme for the parade is We're 150 and so is Santa. It will include marching bands, horses, and exciting floats. The bands include

the Kawartha Cavaliers, Haliburton Silver Flutes, and the Correctional Services Pipes & Drums.

The Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a post-parade spaghetti dinner for just \$5 per place. The meal includes garlic bread, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cookies.

If you miss Santa in Haliburton, then you'll find him at the Minden parade on Nov. 22 at 11:30 a.m. The parade takes place in downtown Minden. Afterwards, bring the family by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the 5th annual Festival of Trees which runs from Nov. 21 and 22, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Nov.

23 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Part of the festival on Nov. 22 beginning at 6 p.m. is the Glitter Fundraiser Event. Tickets for the fundraiser are available by calling 705-286-3763 or visit mindenculturalcentre.com for more information.

TheHighlander presents...

Ladies Night in Minden!

Leave the guys at home and enjoy a great night out!
Wednesday, December 3, Minden stores are offering great deals
for early Christmas shoppers 5PM - 8PM.
Pick up something on your list or treat yourself!

Make sure to visit these participating shops:

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